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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether IFCI Financial Services had floated global tenders on behalf of Indian Tourism Development Organization for running, installing and maintaining amusement parks in Appu Ghar, Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are aware that IFCI has out-dated, old, second hand Amusement Rides;

(d) whether these amusement rides were ever checked to ensure their fitness;

(e) whether the Government are aware that use of these joy rides is accident prone;

(f) if so, the reasons for floating tender with the same company; and

(g) the measures the Government propose to initiate to guard against accident?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) & (b) : India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) hasengaged M/s. IFCIFinancial Service Ltd (IFCIFSL) as the consultancy agency for preparation of global tenders and assisting in the selection of a company for developing and managing a state-of-the-art amusement park at Appu Ghar site. ITPO had floated Pre-Qualification Global Tender Application Form.Ten firms/consortia submitted pre-Qualification Tender application form. Of these, 5 parties have been shortlisted for the next stage i.e. submission of technical and financial bids.

(c) to (f) : IFCIFSL is a consultancy firm and not connected with the running of amusement rides in Appu GharAs such, the question of their having out-dated, second hand amusement rides and prior checking with a view to ensuring their fitness does not arise. As stated above, IFCIFSL has been engaged only as the consultancy agency for preparation of global tenders and assisting in the selection of a company for developing and managing a state-of-the-art amusement park at the Appu Ghar site.

(g) : Under Regulations for Licensing and Controlling Places of Public Amusement (other than cinemas) and Performances of the Public Amusements, 1980, the licence and its renewal for organizing amusement activities are given by the office of Deputy Commissioner of Police (Licencing) to the Licensee. Licensee is required to conduct periodical technical maintenance of rides from safety point of view. The licensing authority periodically renews the license after satisfying itself about the safety of the rides.